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## (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Oakland - Homicide Rates Increasing in Oakland in 2021

(U) Oakland's homicide rate increased at about the same rate as that of major US cities overall in 2020. So far in 2021, homicides are spiking in the city at a much higher rate than most other cities. That's according to preliminary data for 2021 collected by the consulting firm AH Datalytics, plus data released by the FBI yesterday as part of its 2020 Uniform Crime Report. The report shows that homicides were up by around 29% nationwide last year compared with 2019. It's the biggest single-year change since record-keeping began in 1960. And in cities with more than 250,000 residents that reported data, the FBI said murders rose by more than 35%.

SOURCE: 1 October 2021, The San Francisco Chronicle

## (U) NATIONAL

## (U) Arizona – DEA Agent Killed in Shooting at Train Station

(U) Tucson – A Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent was killed, and two other law enforcement officers were injured in a shooting aboard an Amtrak train in Tucson yesterday. One suspect was in custody while another one died in the shooting that erupted during a routine check at the downtown Tucson transportation hub by officers with a regional drug task force. None of train's passengers and no bystanders were injured as the incident unfolded.

SOURCE: 4 October 2021, Reuters

#### (U) District of Columbia - New Legislation Seeks to Expand Protections for Election Workers

(U) Washington – A US senator introduced legislation yesterday to broaden protections for election workers, their family members and physical polling locations in response to a Reuters investigation into threats against election administrators. The Election Worker and Polling Place Protection Act aims to make the workers who help administer America's elections safer—from officials to volunteers and the contractors who set up and maintain voting equipment. The protections would extend to family members of election officials and prohibit threats of damage to polling places, tabulation centers or other election infrastructure.

SOURCE: 4 October 2021, Reuters

# (U) Florida – Florida Resident Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Police at US Capitol

(U) Largo – A Florida man who assaulted police officers with a wooden plank and a fire extinguisher at the US Capitol on 6 January pleaded guilty to assault charges yesterday, the US Justice Department said. Robert Scott Palmer, 54, of Largo, is one of at least 185 people charged with assaulting or impeding police on 6 January. Prosecutors say Palmer threw the wooden plank at Capitol and Washington, DC police while they were protecting the lower west terrace entrance, and later sprayed a fire extinguisher at police officers until it was empty. He then threw the fire extinguisher at the officers.

SOURCE: 4 October 2021, Reuters

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## (U) Michigan – Authorities Detain One Person Due to 'Possible Explosives' on Ambassador Bridge

(U) Detroit – The Ambassador Bridge connecting Ontario and Detroit, Michigan, has reopened fully after being partially closed for several hours yesterday afternoon as police checked the area for "possible explosives," Windsor police said. Windsor Police Service (WPS), including the explosive disposal unit, responded to an incident near the Ambassador Bridge for possible explosives located in the area. The area was evacuated & bridge was shut down for incoming US traffic only. Later authorities reported they determined there was no threat and it was an isolated incident.

SOURCE: 4 October 2021, CBC

## (U) INTERNATIONAL

## (U) Chile – Authorities Bust Crime Ring Smuggling Haitian Children to US, Mexico

(U) Santiago – Chilean police have dismantled a crime ring that helped smuggle hundreds of children of Haitian migrants, sometimes without their parents, from Chile north to Mexico and the United States, Interpol said yesterday. The transnational group orchestrated a complex, cross-border network that smuggled an estimated 1,000 Haitian migrants out of Chile, including 267 Chilean children under the age of six, all born to Haitian migrants, according to the global police coordination agency. SOURCE: 4 October 2021, Reuters

# (U) Sudan – Four Suspected ISIS Members Killed in Security Raid

(U) Khartoum – Four suspected ISIS members were killed in a raid by security forces in the capital Khartoum, Sudan's General Intelligence Service said. The incident, that took place yesterday in the southern district of Jabra, also left one military officer dead. Three soldiers were also injured, while four members of the "terrorist cell" were arrested, the news agency added. SUNA also reported the arrest on Sunday of eight "foreign elements" in Khartoum's Omdurman district.

SOURCE: 4 October 2021, Al Jazeera

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